

~~81~~ 90. The article of claim 87, wherein the menu further comprises a button for selecting an offset value for a cropped image.

~~82~~ 91. The article of claim 90, wherein if the offset value button is actuated by a user, a key pad is generated by input of the offset dimensions.

~~83~~ 92. The article of claim 73, further comprising instructions that, when executed by the processor, generate on the display screen a balance slider for adjusting the lightness and/or darkness of the image.

~~84~~ 93. The article of claim 73, wherein the software program further comprises instructions for displaying a button that causes the printer to print the edible image on the edible product. --

REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, the pending claims are canceled and replaced with new claims that more particularly describe the invention.

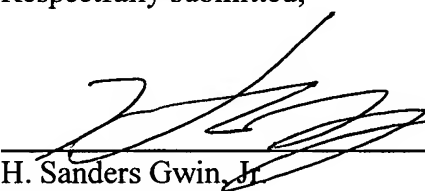
Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

If question arise regarding the above, please contact the undersigned.

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the specification:

[This application corresponds to the subject matter of provisional patent application serial number 60/079335, filed on March 25, 1998.] This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/144,046 filed August 31, 1998, which is based on the subject matter of provisional patent application serial number 60/079,335, filed on March 25, 1998.

Paragraph beginning at page 14, line 7 has been amended as follows:

Other examples of edible layers are described in U.S. Patent No. [5,071,394] 5,017,394, assigned to the Lucks Company, and incorporated herein by reference. This type of edible layer is formed from a flour and/or starch base as opposed to the sugar base of the fondants. Another example of an edible layer is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,334,404, issued to Garcia et al. and incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims:

Claims 1-37 have been cancelled.